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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. DEPT. CONCURS IN PLAN OF ACTION OUTLINED FIRST FOUR PARAGRAPHS REFTEL. HOPE THAT EITHER RATLHANGANE OR NGWASHENG WILL BE ABLE PARTICIPATE, SINCE ADDITION MONTJANE WOULD MAKE GROUP QUITE TOP-HEAVY WITH THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS. RECOMMEND UTMOST PERSISTENCE ON MISSION'S PART VIS-A-VIS SAG IN PASSPORT DRILL.

2. DEPT. WILL ATTEMPT CONTACT STUDENTS SUGGESTED IN PARA FIVE, BUT DOES NOT HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE FOR THIS POSSIBILITY. WE DO NOT HAVE HOME ADDRESSES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE SHUT DOWN FOR HOLIDAYS. CLASSES WILL HAVE RESUMED BY JAN. 10 AND UNLIKELY THAT MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENTS WOULD BE ABLE ABSENT THEMSELVES FOR A MONTH ANYWAY.

3. IF RACIALLY BALANCED GROUP CANNOT BE PUT TOGETHER, DEPT.

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WOULD WITH SOME RELUCTANCE APPROVE INDIVIDUAL GRANTS, IF

MISSION CONVINCED INDIVIDUAL TOURS WOULD FURTHER OUR
FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES MORE THAN REGRETFULLY SENDING
STUDENT LEADERS BACK TO SRC'S TO ANNOUNCE THAT PROJECT FELL
THROUGH BECAUSE SAG WOULD NOT PERMIT OR FACILITATE
SUFFICIENTLY BALANCED PARTICIPATION.

4. DEADLINE FOR ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR GROUP TOUR MUST BE
NLT JAN. 3, IN ORDER THAT WE MAY PROCEED WITH OR CANCEL
ARRANGEMENTS. WITH AMBER LIGHT ON, PLEASE MAKE SURE NO
INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS PROCEED TO U.S. PREMATURELY. KISSINGER

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